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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Development & Procurement,
DPD-DD/P

25X1 SUBJECT : Pre-Amplifiers

REFERENCE : Memo for SA/PD/DCI from Director of D & P,
DPD-DD/P, dated 19 December 1958, Same
Subject - CHAL-0477.

1. I talked with Dr. Herbert Scoville (AD/SI) a few days ago on the subject of OSI vs. DPD financing for certain items of common interest, like pre-amplifier and read-out equipment. I agreed with him that henceforth we would adopt the principle that DPD would finance equipment required for collection operations but would not again (I hope ever) get into the business of financing exploitation equipment to be used by intelligence production components such as OSI and PIC. This means that if pre-amplifiers are bought, we will finance them but that we will not pick up the tab for read-out equipment.

2. With respect to the pre-amplifiers, I stated that the reason for our suggestion that OSI finance them was our desire to compel the analysts to demonstrate their desire for the costly improvements in collection equipment they frequently suggest. This prompted on my part a long speech along lines familiar to you about the unpredictability and general shiftlessness of ELINT specialists. Dr. Scoville agreed with me on the insatiable and often ill-defended desires of these characters for more and better equipment. He agreed that we should insist, before spending DPD money in the future for improved or additional collection equipment, on thoroughly satisfactory proof of the need.

3. Dr. Scoville hinted at the close of this conversation that if he were to finance read-out equipment in the future he must have sufficient

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notice to budget for this purpose. He pointedly suggested that we might have plans about which he should be informed so that he might include additional funding in his FY-1961 budget estimate.

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